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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

FREDRIKSSON ET AL.

Examiner

David A. Redding

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 June 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 11 and 20 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 and 12-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments, see Office Action, filed 6/3/2005, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 1-3, 7-10, 12, 16-19 under 102/103 have been fully considered and are persuasive. Applicant is correct that USP 5,516,670 does not teach or suggest applying a magnetic alternating field to a sample comprising biological membrane-enveloped structures and magnetically susceptible particles, whereby an increase of the thermal energy of the magnetically susceptible particles causes the formation of pores in the biological membrane-enveloped structures. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of USP 4,971,910 (Zimmermann) and USP 4,889,120 (Gordon).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-10, 12-19, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by USP 4,971,910 (Zimmermann).

The Zimmermann patent discloses a process of fusing cells, which involves cell membrane poration, in which cells are doped with magnetic particles and exposed to a nonhomogeneous magnetic fields which permeates the fusion space in such a way that the doped cells collect close together and the membranes permeated (see abstract).

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Specifically, the reference discloses "after collecting in the area of the highest field density of the magnetic field, the cells are briefly exposed to an external heterogeneous electric field with a frequency of from 5 kHz to 2 MHz and an intensity of from 10 V/cm to 2000 V/cm (col.4, lines 57-67). It is the examiner's opinion that when exposed to the above-cited alternating field the magnetic particles would *inherently* be heated to cause cell poration.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by USP 4,889,120 (Gordon).

Gordon discloses a method of injecting a solution of magnetic particles into biological tissue and then exposing the biological tissue to an alternating magnetic field causing inductive heating of the particles and *inherently* causing poration of the cell membranes (col.1, lines 9-15; col.5, lines 13-67).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David A. Redding whose telephone number is 571-272-1276. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri. 6:00 - 3:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Kim can be reached on 571-272-9178. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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